

Prep L Weekly News

Week 4, Term 4

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that we are already in week 4 of our last term! How it has flown... We are all so busy at the moment, gathering assessments for our reports at the end of term and the children are trying to learn as much as they can before the end of the year!

We have our excursion to Chesterfield Farm on Wednesday. If you have not yet returned the permission slip for this excursion, please return it asap! We are looking forward to what is bound to be an engaging and exciting day!

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, later this term the Prep students will be participating in the school swimming program. If you have not already done so, could you please return permission slips and payment ASAP so that we can finalise numbers. Before this program commences, please help your children to become independent in drying and dressing themselves. We will be looking for parent helpers to assist us in the change rooms after the swimming lesson. These parents will need to meet us at the pool and must have a current 'Working with Children Check.' Please let us know if you are able to help out.

This week, literacy groups will run as normal on Tuesday 26th October, however there will be no literacy groups for the rest of the week (Wednesday 27th October – Friday 29th October) due to our excursion to Chesterfield Farm. We will spend the morning sessions following our excursion writing reflective and in depth pieces about the many things we saw and learnt, particularly focussing on our inquiry topic 'change is all around us'. There will also be no PMP on Wednesday 27th October as it is our excursion day.

A date for your diaries: The Prep children will be having a Christmas Concert on the evening of Wednesday 15th December. It is a wonderful end of year celebration and the students practice hard for this night. Stay tuned for more information!

Students who learn Mandarin will be participating in an assembly performance on Monday 1st November. Also on this day, students will be participating in a special LOTE day, where there will be a range of engaging cultural activities.

Reminders:

- **No literacy groups Wednesday, Thursday or Friday for this week. There will also be NO PMP as we are at the farm that day.**
- Literacy groups as normal on Tuesday 26th October.
- Swimming forms and payment to be returned ASAP.
- Melbourne Cup holiday on November 2nd. No school on this day.



Have a great week,
Kerryn Lynch

<u>This week in English</u>	<u>This week in Maths</u>
Reading: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shared Reading of big books• Phonics – short vowel sounds• Listening Post• Sentence building Writing: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Weekend writing – using a variety of sentence starters• Handwriting- writing about a 'muddled up farm'• Writing about our excursion to Chesterfield Farm Speaking & Listening: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Circle time- sharing stories about our weekend• Share time- celebrating our achievements.	Number <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Subtraction stories- using counters to represent objects in subtraction stories• Developing simple subtraction equations through games• Consolidation of 'tens' and 'teen' numbers.• Rainforest Maths on the MacBooks• Missing numbers in 100's chart Working Mathematically <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Applying subtraction strategies to solve a problem Measurement, Chance and Data <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Learning the cycle of the seasons and their corresponding months. <u>Inquiry</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Developing a range of questions about the farm